GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PEN GANGA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given permission to the Penganga Project in Yavatmal District, Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether necessary clearance has been obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and other concerned departments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the said clearance is likely to be obtained?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The preliminary project report of Lower Penganga project for according in principle clearance of Central Water Commission (CWC) was submitted by the Government of Maharashtra to CWC on 14.11.2006. The State Government is yet to comply with the observations of the CWC. After obtaining in principle clearance from CWC, the Government of Maharashtra is required to submit detailed project report for appraisal.

(b)&(c) The project requires environmental and forest clearance from Union Ministry of Environment & Forest and clearance from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Resettlement & Rehabilitation Plan which are to be obtained by the State Government.

(d) The time taken for the clearance from Central Appraising Agencies depends on the promptness with which State Government complies to the observations of the central appraising agencies.